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RFE DAILY REPORT NO. 259

1. BULGARIA: NOTHING.

2. CZECHOSLOVAKIA: REUTER REPORTED FROM PRAGUE YESTERDAY THAT ALIOS POLEDNAK, FORMER FILM INDUSTRY DIRECTOR, HAS BEEN RELEASED FROM JAIL AFTER SERVING ONLY HALF OF A TWO-YEAR TERM IMPOSED FOR A CHARGE OF VIOLATING OFFICIAL SECRETS. THE INFORMATION CAME FROM A PHONE CALL TO POLEDNAK'S HOME AND THUS SEEMS SOLID.

3. HUNGARY: TODAY'S HUNGARIAN PRESS SURVEY CONTAINS AN INTERESTING INTERVIEW WITH FERENC KULCSAR, RADIO BUDAPEST'S CHIEF POLITICAL EDITOR, ON PLANNED MODERNIZATION IN HUNGARIAN BROADCASTING.

4. POLAND: THE CC WILL MEET NEXT WEEK, ACCORDING TO RADIO WARSAW LAST NIGHT. (DS) THE PLENUM WAS CONVENED BY THE POLITBURO WHICH MET YESTERDAY AND WHICH ALSO "FULLY APPROVED" THE RESULTS OF GIEREK'S TALKS IN MOSCOW. REGARDING THESE TALKS, RADIO ZAGREB'S MOSCOW REPORTER HRZIC LAST NIGHT COMMENTED ON SOME UNSPECIFIED DISAGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE POLES AND THE SOVIETS ABOUT THE "RECONSTRUCTION OF POLISH ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL LIFE." (DS) THE REPORT IS HIGHLY INTERESTING, BUT MAY BE ONLY CONJECTURE.

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5. RUMANIA; COUNTRY MEETING DISCUSSED RECENT CC PLENUM, WITHOUT ACHIEVING ANY CONSENSUS ON THE MOTIVATIONS OF THE POST-JULY MILITANCY CAMPAIGN. THERE WAS GENERAL AGREEMENT, HOWEVER, THAT CEAUSESCU'S POST-JULY POLICIES HAVE ACTED AS A MAJOR DIVISIVE FORCE IN THE RUMANIAN CP, INCLUDING THE HIGHEST LEVELS OF THE LEADERSHIP. WHEREAS BEFORE JULY THERE WERE DIFFERENCES OF OPINION AMONG PARTY LEADERS AND PERIODIC PERSONNEL SHAKE-UPS, IN GENERAL THE LEADERSHIP SEEMED UNITED, PARTICULARLY AGAINST THE PRESSURE FROM THE USSR. IT SEEMS VERY POSSIBLE THAT CEAUSESCU'S ADOPTION OF THE EXTREME MILITANT APPROACH SINCE LAST JULY WAS A MAJOR ERROR, AND WE DOUBT THAT ONE CAN TODAY SPEAK OF A UNITED LEADERSHIP. THE RECENT PLENUM SEEMS LARGELY TO HAVE BEEN CEAUSESCU'S SHOW, BUT THERE ARE INDICATIONS THAT IT WAS BY NO MEANS ENTIRELY SO. THE FIFTY SPEECHES PUBLISHED APPEAR IN MANY CASES HEAVILY CENSORED AND THE SESSION IN FACT MAY HAVE BEEN A STORMY ONE. THE PLENUM'S FAILURE TO ENDORSE THE "DECISION" UNANIMOUSLY, AND ONLY "FULLY," IS A CASE IN POINT. OF THE FIFTEEN JUDET (COUNTY) SECRETARIES WHO SPOKE, ONLY SEVEN PRAISED CEAUSESCU. THE STRONG CRITICISM VOICED AT THE PLENUM OF THE SECRETARIAT, AND THE SELF-CRITICISM EXPRESSED BY NICULESCU-MIZIL AND OTHERS SUGGESTS THAT CEAUSESCU HAS THEM COWED, BUT IT IS NOT CLEAR HOW DEFINITELY THEY HAVE BEEN INTIMIDATED. MAURER'S ALOOFNESS FROM THE MILITANCY CAMPAIGN IS STRIKING. ONE THING IS CLEAR: IF CEAUSESCU'S DOMESTIC POLICIES ARE ALIENATING NOT ONLY THE RUMANIAN PEOPLE AND ITS EDUCATED ELITE BUT ALSO SIGNIFICANT ELEMENTS IN THE RCP ITSELF, THE ONLY ONES WHO STAND TO GAIN ARE THE SOVIETS.

6. OTHER; NOTHING.

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